

JOINT EVENT ON

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ADDICTION AND PSYCHIATRY (GAP 2026)

&

WORLD NEUROLOGY CONGRESS (WNC 2026)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

GAP & WNC 2026 | HYBRID EVENT

24 – 25
AUGUST, 2026

LONDON
United Kingdom

Venue

Delta Hotels Heathrow Windsor
Ditton Rd, Langley, Slough
London, United Kingdom SL3 8PT

Each day combines one conference in-person with the other conference joining virtually.

Important Note

- Day 1: GAP 2026 runs In-Person; WNC 2026 joins Virtually (GMT). Day 2: WNC 2026 runs In-Person; GAP 2026 joins Virtually (GMT).
- Local timings shown alongside GMT on virtual tracks are based on the time zone of each presenter's country.
- Sometimes there may be small changes to the program due to technical issues or presenters not showing up.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

DAY 1 — GAP 2026 (In-Person) — Meeting Hall: Ascot Suite

09:00-10:20	Keynote Presentations
10:40-17:50	Oral Presentations
18:00-19:00	Poster Presentations

10:20-10:40 Coffee Break @ Foyer Area 12:40-13:40 Lunch @ Hotel Restaurant 15:40-15:50 Coffee Break @ Foyer Area

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GAP 2026 — IN-PERSON | Meeting Hall: Ascot Suite

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

09:00-09:40	Meera Vaswani — All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) And University of Minnesota, USA Title: Neurobiology of Addiction
09:40-10:20	Scharbach Hugues — Paris University, France Title: Attempt to approach epistemologic and étiopathologic basis of borderline state disorders

Group Photo

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Chairs : Meera Vaswani — All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) And University of Minnesota, USA

Scharbach Hugues — Paris University, France

10:40-11:00	Sue Feldman — University of Alabama at Birmingham, United States Title: The relationship between goal setting and substance use recovery
11:00-11:20	Peggy Shaughnessy — RedPath Wellness Centre, Canada Title: From crisis to recovery to wellness: Building integrated pathways in addiction care
11:20-11:40	Faisal Almutairi — Sulaiman Alrajhi University, Saudi Arabia Title: Voices Before the Crisis: Exploring Culturally Specific Drug Addiction Factors Through Patient Narratives, Health Records, and AI-Driven Prediction in Saudi Arabia
11:40-12:00	Sharon Jakobowitz — Berlin Prison and Probation Service, Germany Title: Psychiatric Morbidity and treatment needs in the Berlin prison estate
12:00-12:20	Salvador Amigo — University of Valencia, Spain Title: Reducing drug cravings in polydrug users undergoing self-regulation therapy mimicking the effects of drugs
12:20-12:40	Antonio Ocana — Epiphany.ai, Canada Title: Artificial Intelligence–Guided Risk Stratification and Stabilization in Addiction Psychiatry Using a new metric: Mood and Behavioral Variability (MBV)
12:40-13:40	Lunch @ Hotel Restaurant
13:40-14:00	Nivedita Patkar — University of Alabama at Birmingham, United States Title: The Relationship between Goal-setting and Substance Use Recovery
14:00-14:20	Dins Mironovs — National Center for Mental Health, Latvia Title: Misidentified stimulant use resulting in acute opioid overdose: A case report with implications for addiction psychiatry and prevention
14:20-14:40	Paul Schulte — Schulte Research, Spain Title: Using my AI tool called Imover to treat PTSD for soldiers and veterans in order to facilitate addiction treatment
14:40-15:00	Remya Sivanandan Nirmala — Lootah Santhigiri Holistic Health Center, United Arab Emirates Title: Holistic integrated management of tobacco dependence
15:00-15:20	Mabel Ann Santhosh — Cygnet Colchester Hospital, United Kingdom Title: Seeds of Perception: Psychological Insights into Argyreia Nervosa (Hawaiian Baby Woodrose) Seed Ingestion and the Impact on an Inpatient at a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service

15:20-15:40	Seyed Mohammad Masoud Shushtarian — Basir Eye Health Research Center, Iran, Islamic Republic of Title: Association between central retinal vein occlusion and mental health disorders
15:40-15:50	Coffee Break @ Foyer Area
15:50-16:10	Marcelo Sodelli — Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), Brazil Title: Living in Time, Living in Use: A Phenomenological Reading of the Experience with Drugs
16:10-16:30	Peter P Lyndon-James — Shalom House, Perth, Western Australia, Australia Title: A Model for Breaking Addiction, Built From the Ground Up: The Operational Framework Behind 15 Years of Outcomes
16:30-16:50	Hamida Al Harthi — Mental Health /Oman Medical Speciality Board, Oman Title: Exploring the relationship between life experiences and early relapse among imprisoned users of illegal drugs in Oman: A focused ethnography
16:50-17:10	Mehmet Kazgan — cliexa, United States Title: AI-Driven Addiction Care: Moving from Prediction to Prevention with Clinically Validated Tools
17:10-17:30	Gunter Friedrich Wagner — Drug Rehab Clinic Villa Lilly, Germany Title: Developments after partial legalization of Cannabis in German
17:30-17:50	Abrar Hussain Azad — Mohi ud Din Islamic Medical College Mirpur AJK, Pakistan Title: Culturally Adapted Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Use Disorder in Pakistan: Findings from a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

P1	Hye Yoon Park — Yonsei University College of Medicine, Korea, Republic of Title: The moderating role of neuroticism in the relationships between social cognition, device-measured digital behavior, and social media addiction
P2	Alexander S. Klujev — Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, Russian Federation Title: Music as a Means of Social Therapy
P3	Mohini Gadre — NYMC St Mary's and St Clare's Psychiatry residency program, United States Title: Risky Business: A Case of Cryptocurrency Investing Resembling Gambling Disorder
P4	Keisuke Yamamoto — NYMC St Mary's and St Clare's Psychiatry residency program, United States Title: A Case of Kratom-Induced Mood Disorder
P5	Daniel Taylor — NYMC St Mary's and St Clare's Psychiatry residency program, United States Title: Biphasic Withdrawal Delirium: Abrupt Cessation of a High-Dose Kratom-Kava Beverage
P6	Vinayak Prasad — Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom Title: Maximize Appropriate Referrals to Forensic CAMHS & Minimize Inappropriate Referrals to Forensic CAMHS – Service Evaluation & Quality Improvement Project

WNC 2026 — VIRTUAL | Zoom Meeting (GMT)

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

GMT 09:00-09:40 LOCAL 11:00-11:40 CEST	Bernd Blobel — University of Regensburg, Germany Title: Managing healthcare transformation towards personalized, preventive, predictive, participative precision medicine ecosystems
GMT 09:40-10:20 LOCAL 10:40-11:20 BST	W S El Masri — Keele University, United Kingdom Title: Acute traumatic spinal cord and cauda equina injuries: Expected neurological and non-neurological outcomes of active physiological conservative management of the injury and its effects without surgical or non-surgical interventions

GMT 10:20-11:00 LOCAL 06:20-07:00 ET	Amy Zhang — Case Western Reserve University, United States Title: Shared Neuroimmunological Pathways of Irritability and Depression in a Sample of Prostate Cancer Patients
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GMT 11:00-11:20 LOCAL 14:00-14:20 TRT	Nilufer Kale — Health Sciences University, Turkey Title: Navigating the Anterior Visual Pathway in the Era of Updated MS Diagnostics: A Multimodal Approach to Inflammatory Optic Neuropathies
GMT 11:40-12:40 LOCAL 12:20-12:40 BST	Danae Tavlaridis — Brunel Medical School, United Kingdom Title: Artificial Intelligence Assisted Early Detection of Parkinson's Disease Using Voice Biomarkers: Emerging Diagnostic Opportunities in Modern Neurology
GMT 11:40-12:00 LOCAL 07:40-08:00 CLT	Juan Segura-Aguilar — University of Chile, Chile Title: A new perspective on idiopathic Parkinson's disease
GMT 12:00-12:20 LOCAL 08:00-08:20 EDT	Harvey B. Sarnat — University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine, Canada Title: Role of Proteoglycans in Human Fetal Brain Development and Cerebral Malformations
GMT 12:20-12:40 LOCAL 17:50-18:10 IST	Anuradha Sharma — PCTE Group of Institute, India Title: Development of heterocyclic scaffolds as PCSK9 Inhibitors: Novel Approach for Lowering LDL-C
GMT 12:40-13:00 LOCAL 15:40-16:00 TRT	Mehmet Erkan Ustun — Private Clinic, Turkey Title: Collateral gains from vascular microsurgical intervention on the V1 segment dolicoarteriopathy of the vertebral artery: alleviating restless leg syndrome and urgency urinary incontinence symptoms in refractory vertebrobasilar insufficiency cases
GMT 13:00-13:20 LOCAL 18:30-18:50 IST	Rahul Hajare — Sandip University, India Title: Menstrual cycle-related variations in brain structure
GMT 13:20-13:40 LOCAL 09:20-09:40 ET	Chandra Norder-Brandli — VA, United States Title: TBA
GMT 13:40-14:00 LOCAL 09:40-10:00 ET	Lingaiah Maram — Washington Unoversity in Saint Louis, School of Medicine, United States Title: BE2012: A Next-Generation REV-ERB Antagonist with Therapeutic Potential in Muscle and Neurodegenerative Disorders

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

P1	Rulin Geng — The Eighth Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University, China Title: CCL20 CCR6 Associated Recruitment of Alfa Synuclein Reactive T Cells Promotes Neuroinflammation in Parkinson's Disease Models
P2	Tobias Brummer — University Medical Center Mainz, Germany Title: Choroid plexus enlargement and retinal neuroaxonal degeneration define an inflammatory-neurodegenerative vulnerability phenotype in multiple sclerosis

End of Day 1

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09:40-10:20	Peter S. Spencer — Oregon Health and Science University, United States Title: Environmental Neurology and Primary Disease Prevention: Sporadic ALS/MND
10:20-11:00	Ian Wickramasekera — University of Illinois College of Medicine, United States Title: The High-Risk Model of Threat Perception Modulates Learning of Placebo and Nocebo Effects and Functional Somatic Disorders
11:00-11:40	Thomas Webster — Brown University, United States Title: Neural nanomedicine: Human results

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11:40-12:00 Coffee Break @ Foyer Area

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12:00-12:20	Giovanna Giona — Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, United Kingdom Title: Indomethacin tolerability and alternative treatment outcomes in patients with Hemicrania Continua and Paroxysmal Hemicrania
12:20-12:40	Michael Lai Kit Chung — Hokkaido University, Japan Title: Identifying the carboxy terminal of ECRG4 as a potential initiator for amyloid pathology in Alzheimer's disease
12:40-13:40	Lunch @ Hotel Restaurant
13:40-14:00	Ahmet Omurtag — Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom Title: Phase-resolved EEG connectivity: A biomarker framework with applications in cognition and development
14:00-14:20	MOHAMED JALLOULI — CABINET PRIVEE, Tunisia Title: TBA
14:20-14:40	Yuichiro Kato — Heisei International University, Japan Title: Chronic Effects of High-Intensity Interval Training and Moderate-Intensity Continuous Training on Executive Function During a Go/NoGo Task: Comparisons of Event-Related Potentials and Reaction Time
14:40-14:50	Coffee Break @ Foyer Area
14:50-15:10	Rupesh Kumar Gautam — Amity University Uttar Pradesh, India Title: Precision neurology: Genetics, biomarkers and personalized therapies
15:10-15:30	Mahmoud Gharaibeh — Al Ain University, United Arab Emirates Title: Predicting dyslexia in Arabic-speaking children: Developing instruments and estimating their psychometric indices
15:30-15:50	Gaelle Chayer-Lanthier — University of Montreal, Canada Title: Fear of recurrent stroke: prevalence and evolution over time following ischemic stroke – a cross-sectional study

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

P1	HERIETH FILBERT HYERA — Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania, United Republic of Title: Situation analysis of epilepsy in Tanzania: Where do we stand?
P2	HENRIKA H. KIMAMBO — Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania, United Republic of Title: TBA
P3	Mahzareen — Karachi Institute of Neurological Diseases and Rehabilitation (KIND-R), Pakistan Title: Sensory Nerve Involvement In Genetically Confirmed Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 3: A Case Report
P4	Samah Abdul Baki — Kings County Hospital Center & BSG Corp, United States Title: TBA
P5	Zubayer Shams — Brunel University, United Kingdom Title: Role of global neurosurgery in tackling pediatric brain tumors: an insight
P6	Lloshi Loreta — CKU-West, Germany Title: TBA

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GMT 09:40-10:20 LOCAL 12:40-13:20 MSK	Rustem Frunzevich Baikiev — Kazan State Medical University, Russian Federation Title: Suicide is a nosology of ATP deficiency and disturbance of de novo synthesis
GMT 10:20-11:00 LOCAL 12:20-13:00 CEST	Sabina Mandic — University of Zagreb, Croatia Title: Online 24/7: What we know and what can we do about digital technology use among children and adolescents?
GMT 11:00-11:40 LOCAL 19:00-19:40 SGT	Nick Jonsson — Limitless Executive Solutions, Singapore Title: From Rock Bottom to Recovery: A Holistic Path to Addiction Recovery and Lasting Change
GMT 11:40-12:20 LOCAL 07:40-08:20 ET	Arwen Podesta — Podesta Wellness, United States Title: Neurobiology of addiction: Back to basics
GMT 12:20-13:00 LOCAL 08:20-09:00 ET	Michael Conforti — THE ASSISI INSTITUTE, United States Title: O teach me how I should forget to think thou canst not teach me to forget addiction to forgetting shackled to a sisphysisan patterns of repetition

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

GMT 13:00-13:20 LOCAL 15:00-15:20 CEST	Eva EIN-ELI — Independent work psychologist, France Title: Depression and substance use disorders: From self medication to resilience integrating clinical practice and neuroscientific insights
GMT 13:20-13:40 LOCAL 14:20-14:40 BST	Kate Portman — New Horizons Therapy Services, UK Title: Cognitive analytic therapy in addiction services – supporting treatment and team working

GMT 13:40-14:00 LOCAL 19:10-19:30 IST	Anita V. Handore — Phytoelixir Pvt.Ltd., India Title: Phytochemical based personalized phytotherapy in psychiatry and addiction: A next generation integrative approach
GMT 14:00-14:20 LOCAL 19:30-19:50 IST	Joan C Puzhakal — Pushpagiri Institute of medical Sciences and research centre, India Title: Caregiver burden and quality of life among major psychiatric disorders
GMT 14:20-14:40 LOCAL 19:50-20:10 IST	Archana Mishra — Manav Rachna International Institute of research and studies, India Title: Neuropsychological integration of western and Indian paradigms: Towards a consciousness-based understanding of addiction and behavioral regulation
GMT 14:40-15:00 LOCAL 17:40-18:00 EEST	Fivos Efstratios Papamalis — University of Essex, Greece Title: Modular-based dimensional approach to the treatment of addiction
GMT 15:00-15:20 LOCAL 20:30-20:50 IST	Anagha Lavalekar — Jnana Prabodhini Institute of Psychology, India Title: Addiction vulnerability in urban adolescents and youth: Awareness- availability, attitude, emotional regulation nexus
GMT 15:20-15:40 LOCAL 20:50-21:10 IST	Sandhya Khasnis — Jnana Prabodhini Institute of Psychology, India Title: Addiction vulnerability in urban adolescents and youth: Awareness- availability, attitude, emotional regulation nexus
GMT 15:40-16:00 LOCAL 21:10-21:30 IST	Smitha Babu — University of Delhi, India Title: "Disabled, Not Disposable": A Two-Decade Longitudinal Analysis of Resilience vs. Addiction — Sibling Divergence within Z81.8 and Z63.79 Frameworks
GMT 16:00-16:20 LOCAL 21:30-21:50 IST	Pooja Jaggi — University of Delhi, India Title: Juvenile Delinquency and Drug Addiction: Challenges and Solutions for Reintegration
GMT 16:20-16:40 LOCAL 13:20-13:40 ART	Pablo Angelani — CEMUVA, Argentina Title: TBA
GMT 16:40-17:00 LOCAL 18:40-19:00 SAST	Di Luden — Ubuntu Freelancers, South Africa Title: How to Effectively Build Virtual Support Teams in Modern Healthcare Practices
GMT 17:00-17:20 LOCAL 20:00-20:20 AST	Zeyad Ahmed Alhozaimi — Kind Saud University, Saudi Arabia Title: Is There an Association between Increased Stress and Smartphone Addiction? Insights from a Study on Medical Students from Saudi Arabia during the COVID-19 Pandemic
GMT 17:20-17:40 LOCAL 13:20-13:40 ET	Arwen Podesta — Podesta Wellness, United States Title: Methylation and mental health and addiction
GMT 17:40-18:00 LOCAL 13:40-14:00 ET	Cameron Lundstrom — NAS Recovery Solutions, United States Title: The Well and The Tree: Building Resilience
GMT 18:00-18:20 LOCAL 14:00-14:20 ET	Stephanie A Leopold — KNEW Integrative Health & CANOE Health Alliance, United States Title: Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy for Addiction Relapse Prevention: From Neuroscience to Clinical Application
GMT 18:20-18:40 LOCAL 14:20-14:40 ET	J. Sky Smith — Winona State University, United States Title: The Impact of Moral Injury and Moral Horror: Trauma Informed Treatment Strategies
GMT 18:40-19:00 LOCAL 14:40-15:00 ET	Robert Pretlow — eHealth International, United States Title: A Unified Theory of Addiction

GMT 19:00-19:20	Andrea Garraway — Andrea Garraway Counseling PLLC, United States Title: Understanding Grief and Loss in Substance Abuse
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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

P1	Chuheng Dai — West China Hospital, China Title: Interrelationships Between Childhood Adversity, Premstrual Symptoms, and Suicidal behaviors in Women: A Network Analysis
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